# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COAL AND MINES
# LOK SABHA

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LIGNITE DEPOSITS IN TAMIL NADU
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**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of potential lignite deposits identified in Tamil Nadu, location-wise so far;

(b) whether any project is in the offing for mining lignite afresh in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW & JU
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) The details of potential lignite deposits identified in Tamil Nadu, location-wise, are as under :

| S.No. | Block Name | District | Mineable Reserves (MT) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Neyveli Lignite Field | | |
| | Mine I | Cuddalore | 286.86 |
| | Mine II | Cuddalore | 390.00 |
| | Mine I Expansion | Cuddalore | 78.00 |
| | Mine IA | Cuddalore | 120.00 |
| | Mine II Expansion | Cuddalore | 215.00 |
| | Mine III | Cuddalore | 313.00 |
| | B-Block | Cuddalore | 175.00 |
| | Devangudi | Cuddalore | 40.00 |
| | South of Vellar | Cuddalore | 604.00 @ |
| 2. | Bahur Block Cuddalore District in Tamil Nadu | Pondicherry and | 575.00 @ |
| 3. | Jayamkondam Field | Ariyalur | 1168.00 @ |
| 4. | Veeranam Field | Cuddalore | 1490.00 @ |
| 5. | Mannargudi Field | Nagapattinam/ Thiruvarur/ Thanjavur | 22893.00 @ |

@ Geological Reserves

(b)&(c) : Yes, Sir. Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited ( NLC ) have planned Mine II Expansion project of capacity 4.5 Million Tonnes of

lignite per annum and Mine III project of capacity 8 Million Tonnes of lignite per annum in the Neyveli region.

Apart from the above, Srimushnam (South of Vellar) lignite mine project with geological reserves of 604 Million Tonnes of lignite is planned to be developed by M/s. Tamil Nadu Industries Captive Power Company and Jaymkondam (North) with geological reserves of 550 Million Tonnes of lignite is planned to be promoted by M/s. Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation on a joint venture basis.